The House re-assembled at two of the clock,

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA) in the Chair.]

उपसभाध्यक्ष: (श्री कलराज मिश्र) : सदन की कार्यवाही ढाई बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at thirty two minutes past two of the clock.

The House reassembled at thirty minutes past two of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the chair.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Outcome of Enquiry into Alleged Conversation by Shri Manik Rao H. Gavit, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, with a Jail inmate in Bulandshahar Jail

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Home Minister, Shri Shivraj V. Patil, to make a statement regarding the findings of the Enquiry Committee into the veracity of Zee news telecast dated 13th August, 2006 on Shri Manikrao Gavit, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): Sir, on 13.8.2006 Zee TV Channel, by using an audio tape, alleged that Mr. Gavit, the Minister of State, Home Affairs, had conversation with a criminal in Bulandshahar jail. The allegation was repeated for hours in the day.

Mr. Gavit, made a statement in the Lok Sabha and also in the Rajya Sabha, asserting in essence that, he had not at any time, spoken to any criminal in Bulandshahar jail, and that, the voice on the tape played by the Zee T.V. Channel, was not that of his, and that, what was shown or hear, on the said T.V. channel, was baseless, false, and fabricated, and that he did not know the person to whom it was alleged that he had spoken.

He stated that he was willing to subject himself in any manner to any inquiry by anybody or by a committee of the Parliament to ascertain the truth in the matter, and that he would refrain from discharging his executive or legislative functions, until the report of the inquiry was given to the House, and he would not join his duties unless he was acquitted.

He also had stated that, he was willing to accept any punishment, if any iota of evidence was found to fix the guilt on him, and was willing to renounce his political life, if he was found guilty. He had requested that the inquiry should be conducted in an expeditious manner avoiding unnecessary delays. It appears that in a committee meeting of representatives of Parliamentary Parties, it was decided that the matter should be inquired into by the Government, and the report could be given by it to the House. A letter indicating this in essence was sent to the hon. Prime Minister by the hon. Speaker. The letter suggested that the report should be given expeditiously possibly by 25th of August, 2006.

In pursuance of the said letter, the CBI was asked to inquire in the matter and give the report before the Parliament was adjourned *sine die* on 25th August, 2006.

The CBI collected the tapes from the Zee T.V. and recorded the statements of the relevant persons and collected the voice of Mr. Gavit on the tape in the presence of independent witnesses and experts from Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi and recorded his statement.

The relevant tapes were sent to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory to compare the voices on the tapes to find out if they tallied and to give a report, if they were of one and the same person or different persons. The voices on the tapes were examined on audio spectrography by the experts who have opined that they do not tally and are not of the same person. The expert report is authenticated and laid on the Table of the House.

The matter at this state is brought to the notice of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh to make a statement on the status of implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री अबू आसिम आज़मी (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, मैंने मुबह आपसे रिक्वेस्ट की थी, यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। ...(व्यवधान)...

†[شری ابو عاصم اعظمی : سر، میں نے صبح آپ سے رکویسٹ کی تھی، یہ بہت اہم ہے۔ مداخلت۔]

†[]Transiteration in Urdu Script.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY(Karnataka): Sir, I have a point of order. ..(*Interruptions*)..

श्री सभापति: मैं प्राईवेट मैम्बर्स लेजिसलेटिव बिजनेस ले रहा हूं। ...(**व्यवधान**)... प्राईवेट मेम्बर्स लेजिसलेटिव बिजनेस ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (मध्य प्रदेश): सर, प्रईवेट मेम्बर्स लेजिसलेटिव बिजनेस होना है। ...(**व्यवधान**)... यह सारा समय हमारा है। इसमें मंत्री जी को भी नहीं बोलना था। ...(**व्यवधान**)... लेकिन वह विषय एक ऐसा था कि हमारा एक साथी ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति: ठीक है। ...(**व्यवधान**)... प्राईवेट मेम्बर्स लेजिसलेटिव बिजनेस। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: जिसके ऊपर छाया डली हुई थी, वह छाया साफ हो रही थी, तो हमने इजाजत दे दी। ...(**व्यवधान**)... सर, आप पहले प्राईवेट मेम्बर्स बिजनेस शुरू करवाइये। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री अबू आसिम आज़मी: *

श्री सभापति: यह रिकार्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति: यह रिकॉर्ड पर नहीं जाएगा। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, यह प्राईवेट मैंबर्स बिज़िनेस है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the hundred fifty-seventh, hundred sixty-sixth, hundred seventieth, hundred seventy-second and hundred seventy-fourth reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry

लघु उद्योग मंत्री तथा कृषि ग्रामीण उद्योग मंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद): महोदय, मैं विभाग-संबंधित उद्योग संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति के एक सौ सतावनवें, एक सौ छियासठवें और एक सौ सत्तरवें, एक सौ बहत्तरवें, एक सौ चौहत्तरवें प्रतिवेदनों में अन्तर्विष्ट सिफारिशों के क्रियान्वयन की स्थिति के संबंध में वक्तव्य सभा पटल पर रखता हूं।

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Sir, I lay on the Table of the House a statement regarding

* Not recorded.